

(d) the details of such plans to boost marine exports from the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) have 99 officers in the country and 2 officers abroad.

(b) to (d) MPEDA's promotional programmes cover the entire country. In order to increase the exports of marine products from the country, including Andhra Pradesh, Government is taking a number of steps which include the schemes for extending financial assistance for upgrading processing facilities, expansion of aquaculture, imparting of training to aquaculture farmers, assistance for production of value added products and marketing support. Further, MPEDA is participating in a number of international seafood fairs/exhibitions and exhibiting the products.

Investment by Norwegian firms in SEZs

24. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has invited specific Norwegian firms to invest in various SEZs in India;

(b) what are the details of this offer to firms from Norway;

(c) whether land has been promised to firms from Norway;

(d) what gains will accrue to the country from Norwegian firms;

(e) the details thereof; and

(f) the reaction from Norway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) do not arise.